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Remarks/Requirement for Election

The Examiner has required an election to one species from each of groups I, II and III:

I. Filter Species

- a) Fig. 1-3
- b) Fig. 4
- c) Fig. 5, 6
- d) Fig. 7
- e) Fig. 8
- f) Fig. 18, 19

II. Drain Connection Species

- a) Fig. 9
- b) Fig. 10
- c) Fig. 11
- d) Fig. 12
- e) Fig. 13

III. Selector Valve Species

- a) Fig. 15, 16
- b) Fig. 17

Applicants elect filter Species I.e) - Fig. 8 without traverse, claims 1-4, 6-9 and 27-39 reading thereon. Additionally, Applicants elect Drain Connection Species II.b) - Fig. 10 without traverse, claims 11-19 and 28-30 reading thereon.

The election with respect to the selector valve species is made with traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 12 and 29 are generic with respect to selector valve species. No other claims include limitations directed specifically to the selector valve. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the election requirement with respect to the selector valve be withdrawn. Should the Examiner deem these comments unpersuasive, Applicants provisionally elect selector valve species III.a.

The following listing indicates which species claims 1 - 39 are readable on and the status of the respective claims.

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Claim	Species	Status
1	Generic	elected
2	filter species I.e	elected
3	filter species I.e	elected
4	filter species I.e	elected
5	filter species I.d	withdrawn
6	generic filter species	elected
7	generic filter species	elected
8	generic filter species	elected
9	generic filter species	elected
10	filter species I.e	elected
11	generic drain connection species	elected
12	generic selector valve species	elected
13	drain connection species II.b	elected
14	drain connection species II.b	elected
15	drain connection species II.b	elected
16	generic drain connection species	elected
17	generic drain connection species	elected
18	Generic	elected
19	Generic	elected
20	filter species I.f	withdrawn
21	filter species I.f	withdrawn
22	filter species I.f	withdrawn
23	filter species I.f	withdrawn
24	filter species I.f	withdrawn
25	filter species I.f	withdrawn
26	filter species I.f	withdrawn
27	filter species I.e	elected
28	generic drain connection species	elected
29	generic selector valve species	elected
30	drain connection species II.b	elected
31	filter species I.e	elected
32	filter species I.e	elected
33	filter species I.e	elected
34	filter species I.e	elected
35	filter species I.e	elected
36	filter species I.e	elected
37	filter species I.e	elected
38	filter species I.e	elected
39	filter species I.e	elected

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Applicants have elected Filter Species I.e) and Drain Connection Species II.b), and provisionally elected Selector Valve Species III.a. Applicants have identified which of claims 1 - 39 are readable on the elected species and accordingly are elected. The remaining claims in the application have been identified as withdrawn in the listing of claims above.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 18 & 19 are generic to all three of the Filter Species, Drain Connection Species, and Selector Valve Species. Further, applicants respectfully submit that claims 6-9 are generic to all six of the Filter Species, claims 11, 16 and 17 are generic to all five of the Drain Connection Species, and claims 12 and 29 are generic to the two Selector Valve Species identified by the Examiner. Upon allowance of any of the respective generic claims applicants respectfully request the withdrawn claims directed to the other species be considered as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

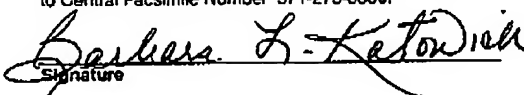
Early and favorable action on this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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